(c) what is the reason to derost them when there is a scope for suspension?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (c) Appropriate disciplinary action has been initiated against the concerned crew.

Inquiry in Kingfisher aeroplane incident

2009. SHRI BHARATKUMAR RAUT: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the inquiry by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) on Kingfisher aeroplane mishap at Mumbai airport on 10 November, 2009 is completed;

(b) if so, the persons held responsible for the incident;

(c) what are the long term measures DGCA and Airports Authority of India (AAI) propose to take to ensure that runways are maintained properly to minimize risk to lives and properties of passengers and airlines;

(d) whether National Aviation Company India Limited (NACIL) entered into any understanding with pilots who had gone on 'sick leave agitation' in October, 2009;

(e) what financial burden NACIL had to bear to meet demands of pilots; and

(f) whether NACIL would adopt similar attitude with other aviation staff also?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Besides regular safety audits of airports, Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has advised all Aerodrome operators to devise a preventive maintenance programme based on guidelines issued in the Civil Aviation Requirements on the subject, issued by DGCA, for ensuring continuous serviceability of runway.

(d) and (e) When the executive pilots of National Aviation Company of India Limited (NACIL) went on mass sick leave, NACIL offered to re-examine the Board resolution regarding cuts in Productivity Linked Incentive (PLI) and Flying Allowances of Executive Cadre Employees of NACIL.

(f) NACIL had to bear no extra financial burden as PLI and Flying Allowance were being paid earlier also. However, the cost reduction exercises and revenue enhancement measures initiated by NACIL were affected due to Executive Pilots going on mass sick leave, besides a revenue loss of Rs. 65 crore.

Cancellation of flights due to under booking

2010. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that some of the private airlines particularly Kingfisher Red cancel their flights at the eleventh hour due to under booking;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken or proposed to be taken by Government against such airlines; and

(c) whether Government has any proposal for airlines operating in the country to compensate the passengers in case of last minute cancellation of flights?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has issued a Civil Aviation Requirements (CAR) wherein airlines are required to refund the tickets in case of cancellation of flights.

All Weather landing System

2011. SHRI SILVIUS CONDPAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry is aware that All Weather Landing System is essential in the North Eastern Region, considering the national exigency as and when it may arise;

(b) what are the special landing facilities available in the airports of the North Eastern Region; and

(c) whether night landing facilities would be made available at all the airports situated in the border areas of North Eastern Region?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The special landing facilities available in the airports of the North Eastern Region (NER) are Instrument Landing System (ILS), Ground Lighting Facility (GLF) and Night Operation. ILS facility is available at Dibrugarh, Guwahati, Agartala, Imphal, Silchar and Dimapur airports. GLF is available at Dibrugarh, Guwahati, Agartala, Lilabari, Dimapur Lengpui, Imphal, Shillong, Silchar, Tezpur and Jorhat airports. Night Operation is available at Guwahati and Agartala airports.

(c) All the airports managed by Airports Authority of India in the border areas of NER have been provided with GLF or ILS.

Exorbitant fare changed by private airlines

2012. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that during vacation and festivals like Diwali, there is no control on the pricing by private airlines;

(b) whether Government is aware that recently during Diwali, Air India and Jet Airways were charging their normal fares, but airlines like Spice Jet, Indigo and Go Air were charging more than double the normal rates; and